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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 33

The Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fleet will be open for the normally scheduled period on Monday, August 6, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The drift gillnet fleet will be open for its normally scheduled period on Monday, August 6, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The area open to the drift gillnet fleet will be all of the waters normally open in the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet.

The August 5th king salmon summary shows that the 2012 Kenai River king salmon run is later than what is typical. Since July 25, daily king salmon passage has ranged from 489 fish to 878 fish and is continuing to sustain those passage rates. This information indicates the 2012 run-timing indices currently being used to assess the run have increased by over 50% in the last 10 days. Even though all data on late-run king salmon indicate low abundance of fish this year, severe restrictions to all fisheries have reduced the harvest of late-run king salmon to the minimal extent that the DIDSON based king salmon escapement for the 2012 Kenai River late-run of king salmon will be larger than the last two years and may provide adequate spawning escapement. Based on this information, commercial fishing will be allowed during a regular period.

The August 5, 2012 king salmon summary can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/FishCounts/index.cfm?ADFG=main.kenaiChinook>